

tion of M. DOUDIET over the French Church and Congregation in this city. Congregational Treasurers who may have moneys on hand on account of this scheme, are requested to forward such without delay. The Convener would also entreat that in those congregations in which collections have not yet been taken, the duty may be immediately attended to.



WE regret to find that some irregularities are complained of respecting the delivery of the *Presbyterian*, and also with regard to accounts being sent to subscribers after they have been paid. We regret, too, that these complaints have not been made direct, but have been conveyed to us by friends who have had an opportunity of visiting different parts of the country, and of being brought into contact with the members of the Church.

These complaints having reached us, however, it became our duty to make enquiries into the subject in justice to the interests of the *Presbyterian* no less than as being a duty to our subscribers. With regard to the subscriptions we are satisfied of the entire trustworthiness of our Financial manager, Mr. Wardlow, and of the correctness of his accounts, so far as the remittances reach him; but we are bound to say there are explanations to be offered which possibly may satisfy those who may have felt annoyed at apparently receiving more than one account for subscriptions they had considered settled. And first with respect to the old accounts. Remittances were formerly made to our publisher direct, by whom they were paid over to the agent for the Publication Committee who kept the books. But between his leaving this country and until his successor was appointed, some confusion arose in the accounts, which had not been sent out regularly. The consequence was two fold: Some of the subscribers on paying the accounts when sent, believed they had settled for a year later than they had actually done, and believing this, were naturally annoyed at receiving, what they thought, another account for what was already paid. This, we feel almost justified in saying, has given rise to a great portion of the misunderstanding. Others, there was reason to believe, had not been credited with subscriptions actually sent, and the Committee

instructed Mr. Wardlow in all cases, where any doubt existed, to give the subscribers the benefit of the doubt, and to wipe off the claims in the books. These old accounts have now been all, or nearly all settled, and when we mention that some subscribers were in arrear for five years who had not paid, it will not be thought a harsh proceeding on the part of the Committee to have ordered their names to be expunged from the list of subscribers, without pressing for payment. Some of the subscriptions for which accounts have been sent twice were no doubt remitted but not to Mr. Wardlow who alone is authorised to receive subscriptions, a notice which has been printed on the outside cover ever since his appointment. As we are aware this has been frequently overlooked, we have transferred the notice to the head of the first page of this number where we intend it to remain in subsequent numbers and beg to direct to its terms the attention of our subscribers.

As to the irregular delivery of the monthly numbers Mr. Wardlow assures us that, before securing the package made up for each post office the list of subscribers is read over twice, the package secured and the next package taken up and treated in the same way. There is thus every precaution taken here to ensure correctness of delivery, and we have no hesitation in ascribing the irregular delivery chiefly to negligence in the Post office. It is not unfrequently the case, however, that subscribers date their letters from the township in which they live, while the Post Office at which they receive their letters &c., may be known by the name of the village, and this of itself, is, we are persuaded, no unfruitful cause of confusion. We would, therefore, ask our subscribers in all cases, whether sending their names for the first time, or renewing their subscriptions, to date their letters or send the address from the Post Office to which the *Presbyterian* is to be sent.

There may have been some minor errors, such things occur however carefully any publication is managed, but we would ask our friends and subscribers to assist us in every way to remove the difficulties which attend the circulation of every publication. It would be much kinder to advise Mr. Wardlow of any mistakes which may occur, than to complain to others. Were the former course pursued there would be every probability of the matter being set right. As it is now, the time is generally so long